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Title: NUCLEIC ACIDS, PROTEINS, AND PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING PROTEINS SUCH AS FUSION PROTEINS FOR THE SECRETION OF A PROTEIN OF INTEREST INTO BACTERIAL SUPERNATANTS

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We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

- Application- 35 pages, including 1 independent claim and 23 claims total.
- 2. Certified copy of German Application No. 101 08 212.6, filed February 20, 2001.
- 3. Statement Under 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825
- 4. Sequence Listing 3 pages.
- 5. Sequence Listing Diskette (1 diskette)
- 6. The filing fee is calculated as follows: